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SUBJECT: TORRIJOS URGES ARGENTINA, CHILE TO NEGOTIATE DISPUTE

1. IN IDENTICAL LETTERS TO THE PRESIDENTS OF ARGENTINA
AND CHILE IN REGARD TO THEIR DISPUTE CONCERNING
JURISDICTION OVER ISLANDS IN THE BEAGLE CHANNEL,
GENERAL TORRIJOS THIS WEEK URGED THE TWO COUNTRIES TO
EMULATE PANAMA'S EXAMPLE IN ITS "DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS"
OVER THE PANAMA CANAL. "A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION IS
ALWAYS SUPERIOR TO THE USE OF FORCE," HE WROTE.
THE TEXT OF HIS LETTER, AS REPORTED IN THE "STAR AND
HERALD" OF JANUARY 27, FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN QUOTE: A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION IS ALWAYS SUPERIOR
TO THE USE OF FORCE. IN OUR LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES
THE USE OF FORCE, FAR FROM MEANING THE END OF THE
PROBLEM, ALMOST ALWAYS RESULTS IN THE HANDING
DOWN OF THE CONFLICT FROM ONE GENERATION TO THE OTHER
WITHOUT EVER FINDING AN OUT.

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THE PEOPLE OF CHILE AND ARGENTIAN MEANMUCH TO THE
CONTINENT. THEY HAVE SERVED AS BEACONS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
CULTURE AND NATIONALITY OF OUR AMERICA. FOR THIS REASON
WE DIRECT OURSELVES TO YOU WITH NO OTHER PURPOSE THAN THAT OF
EXPRESSING OUR CONCERN OVER THE REPORTS THAT HAVE REACHED US.
NOTHING WOULD BE MORE DEPLORABLE THAN A STRUGGLE BETWEEN
BROTHERS THAT WOULD RETARD THE GROWING LATIN

AMERICAN UNITY.

WE ARE SURE THAT YOU AND YOUR PROUD PEOPLE ARE EXPLORING ALL
PEACEFUL WAYS TO SOLVE, THE PROBLEM OVER THE BEAGLE CANAL
(SIC). WE THE MILITARY ARE SOMETIMES ACCUSED OF SURVIVING AS
A RESULT OF CONFLICT RATHER THAN BY SOLUTIONS. WE HAVE TRIED
IN PANAMA TO DEMONSTRATE THE CONTRARY IN OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH
THE UNITED STATES AND WE DIRECT OURSELVES TO YOU WITH THE
SAME FIRMNESS WITH WHICH YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE SUPPORTED US IN
OUR DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS OVER THE PANAMA CANAL.

THE MORE THE WARSHIPS OF CHILE AND ARGENTINA
STAY APART AND THE CLOSER THE FEELINGS OF BOTH
PEOPLES COME TOGETHER, THE EASIER AND MORE POSITIVE
WILL BE THE SOLUTION OF THE CONFLICT. END QUOTE
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